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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN THE APPLICATION OF:

QIONG CHENG ET. AL.

CASE NO.: CL2027 US NA

SERIAL NO.: 10/735,442

GROUP ART UNIT: 1652

FILED: DECEMBER 12, 2003

EXAMINER: FRONDA, CHRISTIAN L

FOR: INCREASING CAROTENOID PRODUCTION IN BACTERIA VIA
CHROMOSOMAL INTEGRATION

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Introductory Comments

This is submitted in response to the Office Action dated April 7, 2006 and is outside the shortened statutory period for response. A petition for a one month extension of time accompanies this response. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and submit the following in support thereof. Please amend the application as follows:

The Specification is amended beginning on page 2.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3.

Remarks begin on page 7.